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1. During the month of September 1950, approximately five hundred Soviet planes with Rumanian markings landed at the Pipera and Baneasa airfields near Bucharest. Types of aircraft landing at these fields were not reported.
2. The planes were used in training exercises directed by Soviet officers. Intense air activity, which continued for three weeks, included a large number of night flights.
3. Forces guarding these airfields were reinforced by Soviet units and Rumanian State Security and Militia. All houses in the vicinity of the fields were entered by Militiamen under the pretext of an examination of identity documents.
4. Soviet airmen were forbidden to visit Bucharest singly. Leave was granted them only in groups of five and all Soviet soldiers visiting Bucharest were required to travel in Soviet vehicles.

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